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Docket No. 96700/879

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

Stanley M. Crain, Ke-Fei Shen and Gerald M. Fleischner

Serial No.

10/807,508

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March 23, 2004

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METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR TREATING IRRITABLE BOWEL

SYNDROME USING LOW DOSES OF OPIOID RECEPTOR

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PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

An Office Action was issued in connection with above-identified application on March 1, 2005. A reply was due on June 1, 2005. Applicants herewith petition for a three month extension of time in which to maintain the pendency of the subject application. The fee for a three month extension of time for a small entity is \$510.00, and a check in this amount is enclosed. With a three month extension of time, the subject application is pending today, August 25, 2005. Applicants are concurrently filing a continuation application that claims priority of the subject application, in favor of the current application, which will be allowed to go abandoned.

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No additional fee, other than the enclosed \$510.00 fee for a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, is deemed necessary with this reply. However, if there are unanticipated fees required to maintain the pendency of this application, the PTO is authorized to withdraw the amount of any such fee from Deposit Account 01-1785.

Overcharges may also be credited to Deposit Account 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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